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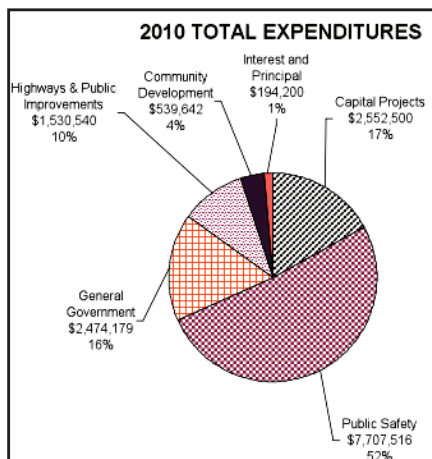
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Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr.
MAYOR

The City Council recently approved the city budget for the next fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010. I am pleased to report that there are no tax increases or new fees in the fiscal year 2010 budget. Overall, the city budget balances at just under \$21,000,000 (*see the accompanying charts for a specific breakdown of revenue and expenditures*).



Tax revenue for the next year is forecast at \$12,000,000. Of that, \$7,000,000 is property taxes and the balance

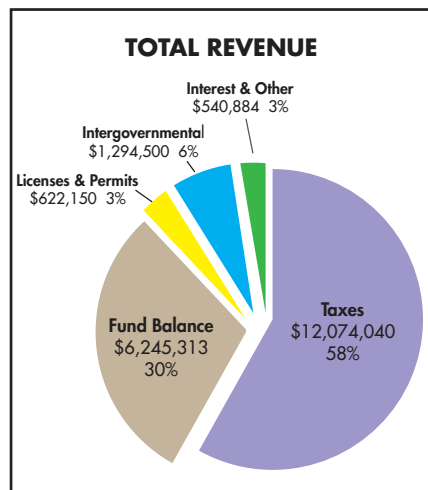


BUDGETS AND TAXES

is comprised of various sales taxes. Since incorporation, property taxes have been constant at approximately \$7,000,000 annually. Under Utah law, no municipality may raise tax revenue without a "Truth-in-Taxation" notice to residents. Cottonwood Heights has never been required to provide such a notice because we have never raised property taxes.

Some believe their property taxes have increased. Understanding property taxes is not easy. The principle is: Every year the County Assessor does a valuation on homes in the county for assessing property taxes. The fact a home's assessment increases or decreases does not mean their property taxes will increase or decrease commensurately. The reason is the tax rate is also adjusted every year. This rate is called the "certified rate" and is designed to provide the taxing entity with the same tax revenue they had the year before based on the new valuations. That is why city tax revenues do not change, despite fluctuating property values.

As an example, if a home had a taxable value last year of \$100,000 and a tax rate of .010, the tax assessed would be \$1,000. If the value of that home increased the next year to \$150,000, the rate would be reduced to .0067 to yield the same property tax of \$1,000. Likewise, if the value dropped to \$80,000, the rate would increase to



.0125 to yield the same \$1000 in tax revenue.

It is possible that some property owners will see an actual increase in the amount of taxes they pay. This could be because the County Assessor raised the value of their individual property more than the average for the area. It could also be attributable to other taxing entities besides the city raising their tax rate above the "certified rate." The city's portion of your annual property tax is only 17%, with 50% going to schools and 25% to the county. The remainder goes to service districts, special bonds, etc. However, as a city, our property tax revenue has remained flat since incorporation. We have accepted the "certified rate" each year without seeking an increase. While some property owners may have paid more, others are

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For details about the agendas, check our web site:
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In previous articles we've discussed the emergence of prescription drug abuse. A new problem seems to have morphed from the desperation of opiate addicts who can't get pharmaceuticals or can't afford to satisfy their addiction. The street value of an Oxycontin or Lortab tablet can range between \$40- \$60 dollars. The high cost of getting high has created a market in our city for traveling street drug vendors dubbed "spitters" by local law enforcement.

A "spitter" conceals small quantities of heroin and cocaine in colorful balloons, cut and knotted into 4mm balls. The color will usually signify the contents and sell

Stopping Neighborhood Drug Dealers

for \$10 - \$20 each on the street. Although there is a cost savings for this unrefined product, one risks not knowing what the drug dealer has used to "cut" or dilute his product to increase his profits. Because street drug dealers are not subject to government oversight or stimulus packages, they lack quality control and the purity can vary greatly. This is a factor in unintentional overdoses.

The "spitter" carries his product in his mouth and, after being paid, spits out a balloon to complete the transaction. He/she operates in this manner to defeat law enforcement by simply swallowing the balloon when confronted. It then proceeds through the body's gastrointestinal tract and is retrieved by the "spitter." The colored balloon is once again ready for the retail customer. I suspect there are health issues, including Hepatitis, associated with this process.

Your CHPD has made several arrests of "spitters" in high traffic areas of our city, such as around Brighton High School and the area of the Highland Drive/Fort Union Blvd., intersection. The

transactions take only a few moments and are often in busy parking lots.

You can help us catch these bandits. CHPD will soon be reactivating the "Neighborhood Watch" in your area. Chances are you are not the only one concerned with problems in your neighborhood. The police can provide you with appropriate signs and will actively work with you to help solve problems. We have applied for Recovery Grant Funds to support full-time officers dedicated to this endeavor; but they can't help you if no one calls them. A Neighborhood Watch does more than just ally against drug dealers. All quality of life crimes are reduced when neighbors are vigilant and do not compromise their stance. Even a monthly meeting with dinner or pizza helps create a bond. Drug interdiction and crime prevention require a holistic partnership between police, church, schools, business, and residents. CHPD actively seeks alternatives to drugs for our youth and a community that ensures quality of life options to street life.



Emergency Preparedness Tip

Special Needs Registry

A Special Needs Registry has been developed for individuals that may require special assistance from emergency services personnel during a disaster or other emergency. Although registration does not guarantee emergency services, it helps CERT teams and other first responders know where you or loved ones reside.

Registering is as easy as 1-2-3-4 on-line. Go to: www.specialneedsutah.org and fill in the requested information; or, dial 2-1-1 and speak with a representative. Helpful information includes: life sustaining medications and/or equipment, vision deficiencies, hearing or speech impairments, supplemental oxygen, service animal needs, and mobility or homecare requirements.

There are also things you can do for yourself, in addition to getting on the special needs registry. For example:

- Decide in advance what you can do for yourself and what assistance you will need.
- Create a support network of family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who can assist with evacuation plans and medical needs. Ask someone to check on you following a disaster.
- Make an information list that includes those who should be notified if you are injured.
- Compile medical information with names and numbers of doctors, medications and dosages, allergies and existing conditions. Write this information down and remember where you keep it. .
- Plan ahead with your home health care agency for emergency procedures.

BUDGETS AND TAXES

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paying less so that the yield to the taxing entities does not change from the prior year except for new construction that is added.

Sales tax revenues are forecast to diminish over \$1,000,000 from their peak two years ago. This reflects the general economic conditions we are now experiencing.

With flat property tax revenue and declining sales tax revenue, the city council tightened their belt. We reduced overall expenditures by \$2,000,000 over last year. We acknowledge that most of that reduction reflects the elimination of police department start-up costs from last year's budget. It also reflects a freeze on cost-of-living and merit increases for the city's employees.

Even with the lost revenue and the reduced expenditures, we are able to allocate almost \$2,000,000 to our Capital Projects Fund. Doing so brings our total Capital Projects Fund to \$8,000,000, of which we expect to spend \$2,500,000 on specific projects this year, leaving over \$5,500,000 in reserve for future capital projects.

It is important to note that Cottonwood Heights is now the only city in Salt Lake

County that does not assess a city sales tax on electrical, natural gas or telephone services to its residents.

Despite difficult economic times, the City Council has prioritized the city expenditures to put public safety and infrastructure needs at the top of the priority list. By wise use of city resources and supplementing those resources with outside grants of \$6-10 million the city has, since incorporation, been successful in establishing excellent fire and police services, animal control and code enforcement services, parks and trails development, and rehabilitating infrastructure – all without increasing taxes!

As proud as we are of these accomplishments and the prudent financial management overseen by our award winning city financial officers, Gary Harmer and Dave Muir, we recognize that with costs increasing and revenue remaining flat, it will require creativity and discipline to avoid increasing or adding taxes in the future. Your city council is committed to being as creative as necessary to maintain a high level of services while remaining wise stewards of the taxes you entrust to our management.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Cottonwood Heights' location as the "City between the Canyons" results in many bicyclists on city streets, especially Fort Union, Bengal, and Wasatch Boulevards. The convergence of bicycles, motorized vehicles, and, on occasion, pedestrians present numerous possibilities for accidents. With summer upon us, the Cottonwood Heights' Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) offers the following tip for bicycle safety:

- **The problem:** A frequent scenario for disaster is when a biker stops to the right side of a car that is already waiting at a traffic light. Often, the cyclist is in the driver's "blind spot," then, when the light turns green, the cyclist moves forward and the vehicle makes a right turn into the bicycle.
- **How to avoid this collision:** Cyclists must be observant enough to not stop in the automobile driver's blind spot and drivers shouldn't rely totally on their rearview mirrors. It's best for the cyclist to stay behind the car, within view of their rearview mirror, and visible to all of the cars stopped at or approaching the intersection.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The July meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, July 7th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 14th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 21st**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
- **Tuesday, July 28th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting

PUBLIC WORKS

Planned road projects for July are as follows:

- Paving of the east side of Union Park Avenue between Creek Road and Fort Union Blvd. (delayed from June)
- Continued installation of ADA ramps and cross gutters in the Nutree Drive area
- Continued installation of traffic calming road striping on Banbury Road and Hollow Mill Drive

Some have asked about the new street signs. Read Retro-Reflectivity article on page 7 for an explanation.



VOTE

2009 CITY ELECTIONS

Between now (when you read this article) and July 15th, is the window of opportunity for you to file to run for the Cottonwood Heights City Council. After July 15th at 5 pm, it will be too late to get your name on the ballot for either the Primary Election, September 15th, or the General Election on November 3rd.

The initial terms for Mayor Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr., Councilmember Don Antczak (District #3), and Councilmember Bruce Jones (District # 4) all end this year. Anyone who has been a resident of the city for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the election dates, who meets the other residency requirements, and is at least 18 years old, can run for mayor; likewise, anyone living in districts 3 or 4, who meets the residency and age requirements, can run for the council seat that represents

the district in which they live. If you don't know which district you live in, find out on the district council map at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

District #3 is the northeast corner of the city. Everything from Highland Drive to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon and north of Fort Union Blvd. is in Council District #3. In addition, the area from Fort Union Blvd. to Bengal Blvd., between Highland Drive and 2300 East, and the area from Fort Union Blvd. south to about 7500 South, between 2300 East and 2700 East is also in Council District #3.

Council District #4 is everything east of about 3000 East and south of Fort Union Blvd. to the city's south boundary (approximately 9400 South).

Filing to run for any of these offices must be done in person, and the fee is \$25.

The election is non-partisan, so party affiliation or non-affiliation is irrelevant. City Administrative Services Director, Linda Dunlavy, who also serves as the City Recorder, is in charge of city elections. She stated, "If more than two people file for any office, there will be a Primary Election to narrow the field to two for each seat. The General Election is November 3rd." Questions? Email ldunlavy@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

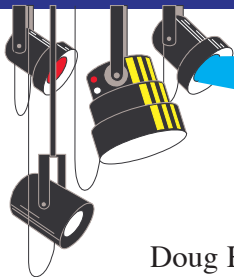


With the July holiday season upon us, Unified Fire Authority is asking all residents to consider the following safety tips when using fireworks:

Always read and follow label instructions.

- Have an adult present.
- Buy from reliable fireworks dealers.
- Ignite outdoors.
- Have water on hand.
- Never modify or attempt to make your own fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time.

General guidelines state that if fireworks shoot more than 15 feet in the air, or travel over 10 feet horizontally, they are illegal. This includes roman candles, bottle rockets, cherry bombs, and many others.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Doug Haymore grew up on a dairy farm north of Sacramento, California. After high school, he served an LDS mission to northern Italy. Upon returning home, he joined the United States Air Force active duty for two years and then came to Utah to attend a university. He received his Bachelor's Degree and served four years with the Utah Air Guard while at Weber State. Doug continued his education at BYU where he received his Jurist Doctor Degree. He has practiced law since 1993 with a focus on civil litigation and land use.

His background with land use was good preparation for his years of public service. Doug said, "Working with other people to help your community become what you want is fun – it's not self-sacrificing – it's fun!" Previous to our city's incorporation, Doug served as a member and chair of the Granite Community Council for many years. He was also a member of the Salt Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission. When the city incorporated, four and one-half years ago, he was immediately appointed to Cottonwood Heights Planning Commission where he diligently served until he recently moved from the city. Doug notes that his move was compelled by family needs and is causing great sadness on his part. Cottonwood Heights holds a special place in his heart.



"There are many very talented, capable and accomplished individuals and families who sacrifice a lot to give to this community and to help preserve the things we value," he said, "It was a very fulfilling honor and privilege to work with them."

Doug and his wife, Lori, met on the job when she was opposing counsel on a case. They have one son, a daughter-in-law and one grandson. They spend their free time traveling, reading, enjoying the outdoors and exploring amateur photography. Doug's many years of service is appreciated. The city is fortunate to have had him on the planning commission.



ECLIPSE - Headlining Butlerville Days Entertainment

The entertainment on the Main Stage at this year's Butlerville Days consists of five different performing groups, with each performing from 35 minutes to one and one-half hours in the case of the headline group, ECLIPSE.

"ECLIPSE is a vocal group of six [male singers] creating explosive sound, driving rhythms, and lush harmonies using only one instrument: the human mouth" (website at: www.eclipsesingers.com). They first met at Utah State University and have been singing as a group for almost 10 years. They have produced



five albums and performed at both the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympics. They appeared at the Provo Stadium of Fire with Toby Keith and Larry King and have opened for Brooks and Dunn, Nellie Furtado, and Train. They have won many awards around the country

for their harmonies. ECLIPSE performed at the Sandy Amphitheater on June 26th of this year and will perform for us at Butlerville Days at 8:15 pm until time for the fireworks to begin.

Other performing groups include the 23d Army Band at 4:30 pm, immediately following the parade; Nicole Vogel, Premier Production; the Off Broadway Players; and an assortment of individual performers doing a Broadway Revue, just prior to ECLIPSE.



BUTLERVILLE DAYS With a Western Theme



The 2009 edition of Butlerville Days has a western theme which will be highlighted by an opportunity to ride a Mechanical Bull. The Buck Wild Mechanical Bull will be available for anyone wanting to try to stick a bucking bull. All ages will enjoy this challenge and the level of difficulty is dependent on what you think your capabilities are. If you have tried it before or worked the rodeo circuit you will have a definite advantage; but everyone can try. The bull operator is well trained to select an appropriate speed for safe operation and to make you look good while you stick on the bull. Just in case you can't stick the bull, an air filled mattress totally surrounds the base of the bull in the landing zone. The body of the bull is padded and, if it has horns, they are made of flexible rubber. Safety is paramount and fun is the password.

Cowboy boots and western wear are not required to get on the bull, but they are encouraged for all Butlerville Day events this year. The western theme will be accentuated when those attending dress appropriately; even if the only western thing you own is a cowboy hat, wear it.

In addition to the western theme and the bucking bull, other new events include a family bike ride scheduled between 9 am and 10 am. This year the bike ride includes a "Treasure Hunt" and will begin at Bywater Park at 3145 East Banbury Rd.

(7420 South). The family bike ride is also one of the selected Passport to Park Phitness events.

Following the parade, scheduled for 4 pm, festivities will begin at Butler Park, behind the Rec. Center and Middle School and Cottonwood Heights' Elementary School. Take note as you arrive at the park that the physical layout of food booths, rides, games, exhibits, contests, etc., has been changed (maps will be available).

Performances on the Main Stage will begin at 4:30 pm and continue until 9:30 pm (see adjoining article for details). As usual, the evening's climax will be a fireworks display set to music. The sights and sounds will thrill even the cynic.



New Cultural Events At BUTLERVILLE DAYS

Two of the many new events and activities for the 2009 Butlerville Days are cultural rather than physically or mentally challenging. The Cottonwood Heights' Art Council and the Cottonwood Heights' Historical Committee are each preparing presentations for Butlerville Days 2009.

The Historical Committee is sponsoring a series of dramatic historical vignettes. These will be presented by the Brighton High School Drama Club and will be performed in the main auditorium of the Middle School. Those who are history buffs or drama enthusiasts or who just need a break from the heat of the afternoon are invited into the auditorium at 6 pm to relax and enjoy the original presentations based on actual happenings in the history of the Cottonwood Heights' area. Admission is FREE.

Both the exhibition of local artists' work and the historical displays of Butlerville, Union, Poverty Flats, and Cottonwood Heights will be in shaded display areas throughout the afternoon. The members of these two committees are working hard gathering and arranging the displays of both art and memorabilia. Thanks to the committee members and artists for sharing with us.

Cottonwood Heights



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS PRESENTS THE FIFTH ANNUAL BUTLERVILLE DAYS.

Butlerville Days
2009

When: Friday, July 24th, 4-10 p.m.
Where: Butler Park, 7500 S. 2700 E.,
Behind Cottonwood Heights Rec Center.

Events for the Entire Family

Children's Events

4:30 - 9:00 pm..... Children's Rides Inflatables, Dunk Tank & Rock Wall	6:30 - 7:00 pm..... Egg & Spoon Races
4:00 - 8:00 pm..... Free Children's Crafts	7:00 - 7:30 pm..... Ring Toss
5:00 - 8:00 pm..... Free Old Fashioned Games	7:30 - 8:00 pm..... Three legged Races
5:00 - 5:30 pm..... Rolling the Hoop	5:00 - 9:00 pm..... Free Face Painting and Balloon animals
5:30 - 6:00 pm..... Tug of War	5:00 - 8:00 pm..... Chess or Checkers with Dallan Jones
6:00 - 6:30 pm..... Gunny Sack Races	

Teen Events

4:00 - 6:00 pm..... Skating Demonstration by Milo Sports	6:45 pm..... Watermelon Drop
5:00 - 5:15 pm..... Registration for Frozen T-shirt contest	7:00 - 7:15 pm..... Tug of War Registration
5:30 pm..... Frozen T-shirt contest	7:30 pm..... Tug of War Contest
5:00 - 8:30 pm..... Sumo Wrestling	7:30 - 8:00 pm..... Sandcastle Judging
6:00 - 6:30 pm..... Stick Pull	8:00 pm..... Egg Toss Contest Registration
6:00 - 7:30 pm..... Sandcastle Contest	8:15 pm..... Egg Toss Contest

Family Events

9:00 am - 10 am..... Family Adventure Bike Ride - Registration for "Treasure hunt" ride begins at 8:45 am at Bywater Park	4:00 - 9:00 pm..... Fire Safety Trailer provided by the UFA
2:00 pm..... Parade Staging begins	4:00 - 9:00 pm..... Mechanical Bull Ride (\$5 per ride)
4:00 pm..... Parade	4:30 - 9:00 pm..... BVD Family Photography for nominal fee
4:00 pm..... Ticket Sales begin - \$.50 each	4:45 - 6:00 pm..... Fire Dept. Water Spray
4:00 pm..... Pie Eating Contest Registration begins at Ticket Booth	5:00 - 8:00 pm..... Fine Art Exhibit
4:00 pm..... Food Booths Open	5:30 pm..... Helicopter Display
4:30 pm..... Free Watermelon provided by Dan's	6:00 - 6:30 pm..... Historic Monologue in Butler Middle School Big Auditorium
4:00 - 9:00 pm..... Classic and Antique Car Show by Rockin' Hotrod Productions	7:30 pm..... Pie Eating Contest
4:00 - 8:00 pm..... City's Historical Display	7:30 pm..... Announcement of Car Show Winners
4:00 - 9:00 pm..... Military Display	

Main Stage Entertainment

4:30 - 5:10 pm..... 45th Army Band	6:50 - 8:10 pm..... Broadway Revue - Assorted Performers
5:10 - 5:15 pm..... Welcome and Parade Awards	8:15 - 9:30 pm..... ECLIPSE
5:15 - 6:05 pm..... Nicole Vogel, Premier Productions	9:30 pm..... Mayor's Announcements
6:10 - 6:45 pm..... Off Broadway Players	9:45 pm..... Patriotic Event with National Anthem and Fireworks

FIREWORKS at DUSK!!!



July 2009



THANKS TO BUTLERVILLE DAYS COMMITTEE

An advance thanks for the Butlerville Days Committee is appropriate this year; and it also provides an opportunity to list their names and assignments, in case someone would like to volunteer to assist before, during, and/or after the festivities. Some on the committee have served since the initial Butlerville Days, July 24, 2005. Others have served 2 – 4 years just as faithfully. As the event grows in size and number of participants, the time and effort required to stage it increases exponentially. A big thanks to the committee members listed below. If you see any of them at the celebration, say thank you. They'll appreciate it.

Lisa Walker, Chair

Georgia Anderson, Vice Chair

Scott Bracken, City Council Liaison

Susannah Hutchins, City Advisor

Mike Peterson, Logistics & Facilities

Brian Allen, Sponsors & Entertainment

Paul Brenneman, CHPD

Mike Watson, Unified Fire

Mardi Lessey, Auto Show

Jim Bacon, Battalion Fire Chief

Noosha Naramini, Bike Committee

Geoff Armstrong, Budget

Lorraine Turner, Children's Activities

Lindsay Olsen, Children's Art

Ryan/Christy Woolston, Decorating,
Signs & Banners

Tom Eatchel, Electrical

Dan Morzelewski, Facilities Assistant

Kevin Smith, Fireworks

Tim Williams, Food & Beverages

Jackie Campbell, Food Tent

Sylvia Orton, Historical Display

Ted Jorgensen, Military

Ron Fullmer, Ombudsman

Melissa Lowry, Parade

Marty Vuyk, Parking, Signs, Banners

Patti Hansen, Rec. Ctr. Logistics

Ken Jennings, Signage vendor

Ted Neff, Support

Margaret Armstrong, Ticket Sales

Nikos Liodakis, Youth City Council

Shelley Phillips-Niel, Children's Games

Liane Stillman, City Staff Liaison

Bob Warnick, Media Liaison



Survivor Walk

Another Successful Relay-for-Life

Cottonwood Heights completed another successful Relay-for-Life on Friday and Saturday, June 19 – 20 at Butler Park. The event began with a survivor dinner to honor those who have successfully fought the ravages of cancer. Following the dinner, the survivors took the first lap around the walking track. Later in the evening a luminary ceremony was held to honor many who have fought but lost to cancer. More than 200 people participated in this year's Relay by forming teams and having at least one person walking the course all through the night. There were 13 teams in all, each with a walker on the track at all times. The number was often more, however, as some walked with dignitaries, friends, or spouses. There were also some well

known entertainers who performed as a donation to the cause. Nathan Osmond and COLDFIRE both performed in charity concerts. Fund raising events included a silent auction, jail and bail, Olympic Bobsleds on Wheels rides, and hair styling. Those who bought luminary bags also contributed financially to the event and were able to honor their deceased loved ones by decorating the bag.

This year's event has raised \$23,800 to date and contributions will continue to be accepted until August. Dollars raised will go to the American Cancer Society. Thanks to Chairperson Melissa Lowry and her committee for their many hours and creative ideas in putting the relay together.



YCC Team



Survivor Heros

Important dates in July

Make note of the following dates in July which may be of import to your family and friends.

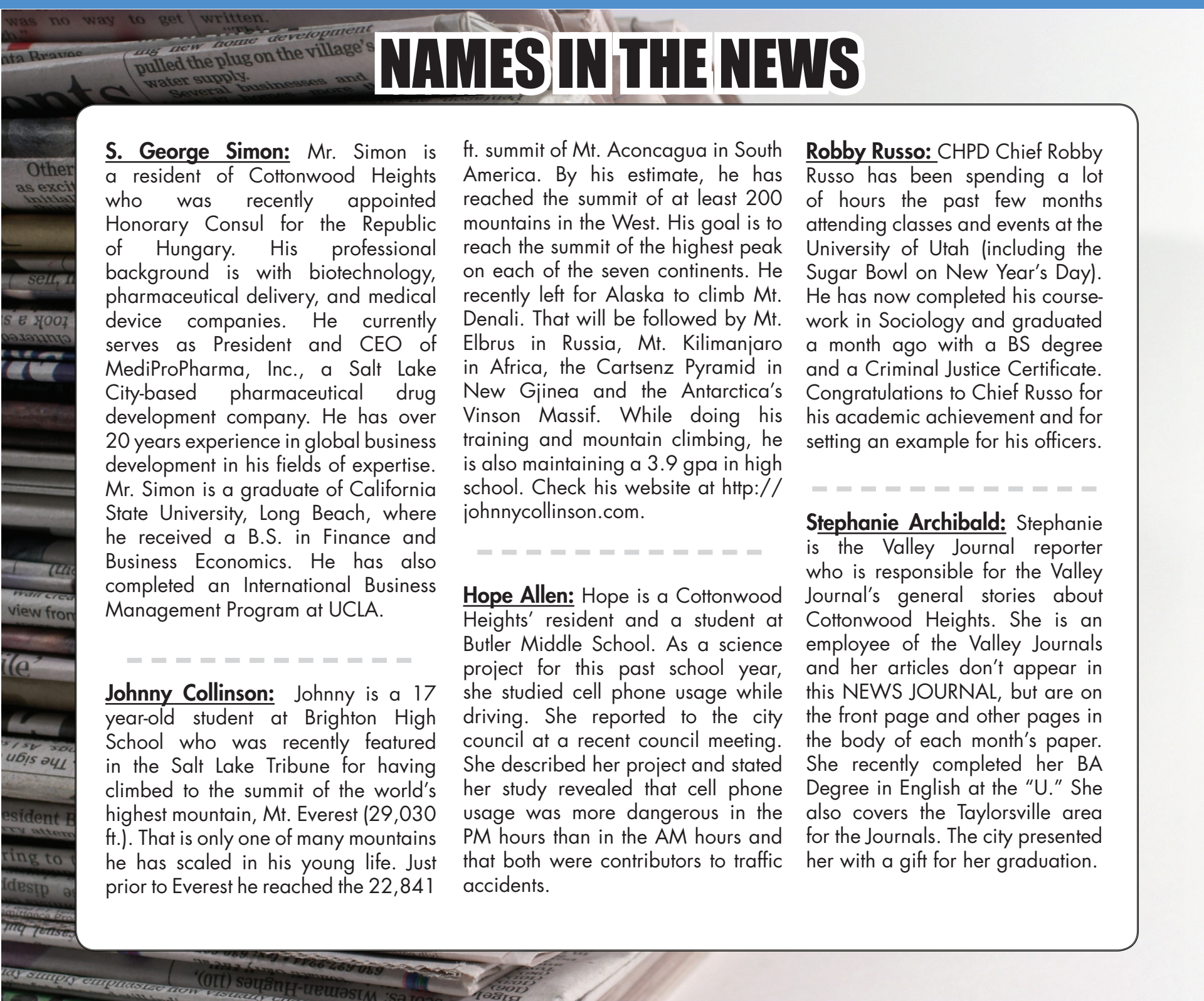
July 3rd – Cottonwood Heights City Office is closed for the 4th of July holiday.

July 10th - Movie in the Park at Mill Hollow Park, 2900 East Hollow Mill Drive (6800 South). Scheduled movie is Charlotte's Web which will begin at dusk. Prior activities include inflatable rides and performers.



July 24th – The Family Bike Ride and Treasure Hunt begins at 9 am at Bywater Park. The Butlerville Days Celebration begins at 4 pm with a parade along 2700 East and then many activities and much entertainment at Butler Park, behind the Rec. Center. The day's climax will be the musical group ECLIPSE and fireworks. City offices are closed all day.





NAMES IN THE NEWS

S. George Simon: Mr. Simon is a resident of Cottonwood Heights who was recently appointed Honorary Consul for the Republic of Hungary. His professional background is with biotechnology, pharmaceutical delivery, and medical device companies. He currently serves as President and CEO of MediProPharma, Inc., a Salt Lake City-based pharmaceutical drug development company. He has over 20 years experience in global business development in his fields of expertise. Mr. Simon is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach, where he received a B.S. in Finance and Business Economics. He has also completed an International Business Management Program at UCLA.

Johnny Collinson: Johnny is a 17 year-old student at Brighton High School who was recently featured in the Salt Lake Tribune for having climbed to the summit of the world's highest mountain, Mt. Everest (29,030 ft.). That is only one of many mountains he has scaled in his young life. Just prior to Everest he reached the 22,841

ft. summit of Mt. Aconcagua in South America. By his estimate, he has reached the summit of at least 200 mountains in the West. His goal is to reach the summit of the highest peak on each of the seven continents. He recently left for Alaska to climb Mt. Denali. That will be followed by Mt. Elbrus in Russia, Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, the Carstensz Pyramid in New Gjinea and the Antarctica's Vinson Massif. While doing his training and mountain climbing, he is also maintaining a 3.9 gpa in high school. Check his website at <http://johnnycollinson.com>.

Hope Allen: Hope is a Cottonwood Heights' resident and a student at Butler Middle School. As a science project for this past school year, she studied cell phone usage while driving. She reported to the city council at a recent council meeting. She described her project and stated her study revealed that cell phone usage was more dangerous in the PM hours than in the AM hours and that both were contributors to traffic accidents.

Robby Russo: CHPD Chief Robby Russo has been spending a lot of hours the past few months attending classes and events at the University of Utah (including the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day). He has now completed his coursework in Sociology and graduated a month ago with a BS degree and a Criminal Justice Certificate. Congratulations to Chief Russo for his academic achievement and for setting an example for his officers.

Stephanie Archibald: Stephanie is the Valley Journal reporter who is responsible for the Valley Journal's general stories about Cottonwood Heights. She is an employee of the Valley Journals and her articles don't appear in this NEWS JOURNAL, but are on the front page and other pages in the body of each month's paper. She recently completed her BA Degree in English at the "U." She also covers the Taylorsville area for the Journals. The city presented her with a gift for her graduation.



Retro-Reflectivity

Brad Gilson, P.E.
City Engineer, Cottonwood Heights



We all depend on traffic signs to drive safely. They must be simple, easy to read and visible both day and night. Many years ago, the Federal Highway Administration developed standards to establish uniformity, design, placement, operation and maintenance of traffic signs. Today, these regulations are compiled in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Every state in the nation uses this guide to ensure that a stop sign looks and functions the same in Texas as it does in Alaska or Cottonwood Heights.

The most recent editions of the MUTCD focus on the importance of retro-

reflectivity, or the visibility of street signs. Recently, new technology has been developed that allows a road sign to reflect nearly 100% of the light from a headlight beam back to the motorist's eye. Older road signs may be very difficult to see at night and almost appear invisible to people with poor night vision. The latest road signs, often called diamond grade technology, substantially improve visibility. In fact, some studies have shown that the visibility of road signs and markings is the most cost-effective method of improving traffic safety. Due to the improved safety from highly reflective street signs, the MUTCD requires agencies to implement a sign assessment and management program

to maintain minimum levels of retro-reflectivity by 2012.

You may have noticed Cottonwood Heights has recently replaced all of the street name signs with the current diamond grade high reflectivity technology. These signs help the City meet impending MUTCD requirements as well as improve traffic safety. When signs are easy to see, there is less driver distraction and fewer unexpected movements as people manage their way in unfamiliar neighborhoods. Emergency services, home deliveries, friends and family will have an easier and safer time finding your home, especially at night.



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Solicitors Must Have Certificates

You may enjoy speaking with solicitors and buying their products when appropriate; but if they annoy you or make you uneasy, there is something that can be done to resolve your concerns. A call to the police at their Dispatch Number (801) 840-4000 to report an encounter with a solicitor should solve the problem.

Those who are door-to-door solicitors in Cottonwood Heights are required to have a Residential Solicitation Certificate and ID Badge, unless they fall into one of the exempt categories listed later in this article. For solicitation companies to acquire Certificates and Badges for their solicitors they must submit a completed application, pay \$25 per solicitor, and provide the city

with a background check from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

If this procedure is followed, each person knocking on your door will have an ID Badge and a copy of the Solicitation Certificate or a temporary certificate if they are soliciting within 25 days of when the license is granted and there are no obvious reasons for rejection on their application.

So, if a solicitor approaches your door, and you don't want to be rude or you are even interested in their product, there are some questions you can ask to determine their legitimacy. For example, "May I see your ID Badge and Solicitor's Certificate? What are you selling? What is the name of your parent company? In which state is your business located? If they can produce the

certificate and ID Badge, they are selling legally; however, the city has not endorsed their product. Cottonwood Heights does not endorse the products of solicitors.

There are also a couple of things you can do if you don't want to speak with them at all. 1) Install a "No Solicitors" sign near the front of your entry sidewalk or driveway, and/or 2) Do not answer the door between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. Solicitation is prohibited prior to and after those hours.

Those door-to-door solicitors who are exempt from these rules include:

- Religious, Political, and Charitable Solicitors
- Those licensed by the State of Utah

- Those making deliveries or pick-ups you have ordered

More information about solicitor laws and their enforcement is available at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov under Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.86 or by calling the City Business License Officer at 801 944-7020 or CHPD at 801-944-7100.



Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation

online registration now available at cottonwoodheights.com



Summer Entertainment in the Parks

Enjoy the entertainment and ambiance of our large screen against the starry skies. Entertainment and activities start at 7pm, followed by the movie at dusk. Fun for your family and friends!

July 10 at Mill Hollow Park
Charlotte's Web

August 14 at Bywater Park
Kung Fu Panda

Summer Swim Lessons

Learn to swim in our heated pools... register in-person or online at cottonwoodheights.com.

Morning Session 3

July 6-July 16

Session 4

July 20-July 30

Afternoon & Evening Session 3

July 6-July 17

Session 4

July 20-July 31

Summer Ice Skating

Cool off with public ice skating on our Olympic size Ice Arena (skate lessons also available).

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat: 2-4pm

Fri/Sat: 7-9pm

Stick & Puck (all ages)

Tues: 5-7pm

Fri: 4:30-6:30pm

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Do You Know...?

Last month Councilman Thomas wrote about the Dan Jones Survey recently conducted in our city to provide information to the council and staff about the residents perceptions of how the city is progressing after four and one-half years as an incorporated municipality. Some interesting facts are revealed by the study. For example: of the 300 residents surveyed, 87% either agreed or strongly agreed that they are proud to tell people they live in Cottonwood Heights. Other facts of interest include:

- More than one-half of you are not aware that the Cottonwood Heights Recreation District is an independent service district with its own elected governing board and its own tax base. Although the city and the recreation center work closely together and co-sponsor many events, the recreation center is not controlled by the city; and it's taxing and service area is even somewhat different than the city boundaries. Only 42% indicated awareness of this.
- About two-thirds of you (69%) are not aware of the many new parks and trails the city has developed. There is not room here to list them, but the city continues to acquire grant funds for development of open space parks and trails (watch for the announcement of the opening of the new Timberline Trail that will access an amphitheater and trail into Ferguson Canyon from additional parking spaces on Timberline).
- A whopping 81% of you read this monthly city newsletter, at least sometimes. If you have suggestions, the email address for the editor is in the lower right-hand corner of page one.

More facts next month.